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THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Any request for increase of public expenditure, as the hon. Member who put the question knows, must take much time, and we have immediately an occasion for taking the whole House into confidence."

SRI C. V. K. RAO :—" May I know, Sir, whether the Government will consider the demands of the Non-Gazetted Officers that their pay, allowances and conditions of service should be the same as those of Central Government employees? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Sir, the Government will give every consideration to the claims made by their loyal staff, and hon. Members may rest content with the general principle that the Government are more interested in keeping their servants contented than the Opposition."

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" By what quantum of money have the wives expressed their love for their husbands? " 11–15 a.m.

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" I need not take up the time of the House by saying that I want notice to answer the question. Wives have no limitations to their demands." (Laughter.)

SRI T. NAGI REDDI :—" Now that rationing has been removed and the prices of essential goods are not the same as before, and a surcharge on bus fares also is proposed to be levied, will the Government be pleased to consider this matter anew and take the necessary steps immediately? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" The business of the Opposition is to increase the demands of the people. The business of the Government is to examine them."

SRI T. VISWANATHAM :—" The Hon. Chief Minister referred to 'loyal' officials of the Government. May I know whether the Government are keeping any record of those who are considered not loyal? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" 'Loyal' is a non-discriminatory complimentary adjective." (Laughter.)

Reduction of prices of yarn.

* 13 *Q.*—SRI PRAGADA KOTAIAH : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the State Government have recommended to the Union Government a reduction of prices of all counts of yarn; and

(*b*) if so, what reply has been received from the Union Government in the matter?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" (*a*) & (*b*) The Government of Madras are in correspondence on this subject."

SRI P. RAMAMURTHI :—" The question asks whether the Government have recommended a reduction of yarn prices and not

whether the State Government are in correspondence with the Government of India. Will the Hon. Minister give a categorical reply whether this Government have recommended a reduction or not? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" When I say that we are in correspondence, there are certain aspects on which we have made our recommendation and certain aspects on which we have not made any recommendation. In this matter there have been many points on which we have agreed and some points on which we have disagreed. The last word has not yet been said, and that is why I said that the Government of Madras were still in correspondence."

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" May I know the points on which the Government have made recommendations and the points on which they have not? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Sir, if you will be pleased to permit me, I should say that the question is taking quite a different turn. Any correspondence between the Government of India and the Government of the State cannot simply be made the subject of a discussion here for the purpose of either bringing credit or throwing blame on this or that Government. It is highly impolitic to say what we have recommended and what the other Government have rejected. It is better to discuss things when the correspondence is closed."

SRI PILLALAMARRI VENKATESWARLU :—" The original question has not at all been answered. The question asks whether this Government have recommended any reduction of prices of all counts of yarn. Instead of giving a reply ' yes ' or ' no ', the Hon. Minister says that he has done this thing and that thing. We request the Hon. Minister to give a categorical reply ' yes ' or ' no '. We are not asking him to place the papers on the table."

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" I am sorry my Friends in the Opposition do not appreciate what I said. It is not right or proper for this Government to take a cheap opportunity to put the Government of India in the wrong before a decision is taken. When a decision is taken, it is open to us to criticize this Government or that. It is not right and it is premature and improper for me or for my Colleagues to say that we have asked for something and that the Government of India are refusing."

Centres selected for Community Projects.

* 14 *Q.*—SRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government propose to have the scheme of Community Projects under the American Aid Programme in the Madras State;

(*b*) the number and the names of the centres selected; and

(*c*) the nature of work to be carried out under this scheme?